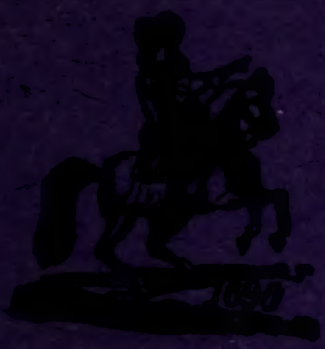

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QUALIFICATIONS

Essential for a Member of this Institution

He should have a sincere love and veneration for his Almighty Maker, productive of those lovely and happy fruits—rightheousness and obedience to His commands, and a firm and steady faith in the Saviour of the world, convinced that He is the only mediator between a sinful creature and an offended Creator. His disposition should be humane and compassionate, and his behaviour kind and conciliatory; he should be an enemy to brutality, and every species of unchristian conduct; a lover of rational and improving society; faithfully regarding the Protestant religion and sincerely desirous to propagate its principles, i.e., charity and good-will to all men; zealous in promoting the honor, happiness and prosperity of his King and country: heartiy desirous of success in those pursuits, yet convinced that God alone can grant them. He should have a hatred of cursing and swearing, and of

taking the name of God in vain; he should use all opportunities of discouraging them among his brethren, and should shun the society of all parties addicted to those shameful practices; prudence should guide all his actions; temperance, sobriety and honesty direct his conduct, and the laudable objects of the Association be the motives of his endeavors.

THE OBJECTS OF THE LODGE.

The objects of Torbay L. O. L. No. 361, shall be to promote by every lawful means the interests of its members as well as the Order in general, the encouragement of good members and the elevation of Orangeism, and its members in the scale of social life; to assist in the support of its members when sick or in distressed circumstances, and to contribute towards the general expense of deceased members; to afford assistance to such of the Order generally as may require the same; and to co-operate with the Grand Lodge of British North America and our sister lodges in all matters tending to benefit Orangeism.

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Name of Lodge.

1. This Lodge shall be known by the name and title of "Torbay Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 361 of British America."

Meetings.

2. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday in each month at 8 o'clock p.m. in the Hall, Playter's Society Building, Broadview and Danforth Avenues, or at such other time and place as the Lodge by a majority of members present vote may direct.

Duties of Officers.

3. The duties of the Officers of this Lodge shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations laid down by the Constitution and Laws of the Loyal Orange Association of British America.

Absence of Officers.

4. All Officers should notify their Lodge of their inability to be present at any meeting. Should any Officer absent himself from three consecutive meetings, without being excused by the Lodge, his office shall be declared vacant.

Keys, Etc.

5. Any Officer having in his possession any keys, books or papers belonging to the Lodge, if unable to attend the meeting, shall see that same are on hand before the hour of the meeting so that the business of the Lodge shall not be delayed.

Initiation Fee.

6. The Initiation Fee shall be the sum of ten dollars, this sum to include the Blue and Royal Arch degrees; two dollars of this amount must be deposited with the Financial Secretary at the time of the proposition by the brother proposing the candidate, which sum shall be forfeited to the Lodge in case of the non-appearance of the candidate by the third monthly meeting

after the acceptance of his proposition, and shall be returned in case of rejection. Any candidate not presenting himself for initiation within the above mentioned time must be again proposed unless otherwise decided by the Lodge.

Deposit of Certificate.

7. Any brother depositing his certificate in the Lodge shall, at the time of such deposit, pay the sum of fifty cents.

Withdrawal of Certificate.

8. Any brother may, at any regular meeting, make application, either personal or written, for his certificate, and, if free of all charges on the books, he shall receive the same by paying therefor the sum of fifty cents, a majority of the members present having voted in favor of same. Clause 142, Constitution: "If after his certificate has been granted, a brother does not at once claim it, but permits it to remain in the possession of the Lodge, he shall be considered as having withdrawn his application, and shall continue a member.

Monthly Dues.

9. The dues of the Lodge shall be 40 cents per month, which shall include the services of the Lodge Physician and medicine during sickness. This does not include surgical operations, accidents, or anything brought on by disorderly conduct, or immoral practices.

10. The Lodge shall have power to impose such fines and dues as it may deem necessary, provided one month's notice has been given, and the same are not contrary to the Constitution.

Conduct of Members.

11. It is particularly enjoined on all the members of this Lodge, that during its sittings, shall treat each other in a brotherly manner, carefully avoiding all personalities.

12. Any member of this Lodge who may seem intoxicated or disorderly in the ranks on the 12th of July, or any other Orange celebration or meeting, or who commits any violation of the Constitution or Laws of the Association, shall be fined, suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may by vote determine.

13. No spirituous or intoxicating beverages shall be allowed in the Lodge room or ante-rooms, or at any gathering under the control of this Lodge.

Charges.

14. Any member holding a complaint or charge against a brother, shall do so in writing, setting forth the nature and particulars of such complaint or charge, otherwise it shall not be entertained by the Lodge.

Suspensions or Expulsions.

15. All cases of suspension or expulsion shall be decided by a vote of the Lodge, when it shall require a majority of members present to suspend and two-thirds to expel.

Auditors.

16. Two Auditors shall be elected at the November meeting, whose duty it shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer, and bring in a written report to the Lodge on the completion of their year in office of the receipts and expenditures and the amount of outstanding dues.

Finance Committee.

17. All accounts shall be placed before the Lodge and voted upon. The Worshipful Master's signature shall be necessary upon all accounts before the Treasurer is authorized to pay same.

Lecture Committee.

18. There shall be a Lecture Committee, which shall consist of the Lecturers and three members who shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master at the first meeting after the installation of officers. The duties of this Committee shall be to instruct the members in the lectures, ritual and secret work of the Association.

Sick Visitors.

19. All members are expected to visit the sick when notified by the Recording Secretary to do so. Sick members shall immediately notify the Recording Secretary, whose duty it is to call upon the nearest brother and Deputy Master to visit him and report to the Lodge at the next meeting.

Physician.

20. A Physician, who must have the Royal Arch degree, shall be elected at the November meeting, whose duty it shall be to attend the sick member entitled to his services who resides in the city or within a radius of three miles from the Lodge Room. He shall provide proper prescriptions to be filled by the Lodge Chemist. This does not include surgical operations, see Rule 9. Should the Physician be at any time unable to attend a member, or be absent from the city, it shall be his duty to leave a properly qualified Physician to act for him until he resumes his official duties. For his services so rendered the Physician shall receive from the Lodge the sum of $1.00 per annum, payable half-yearly, for each member who shall not be over three months in arrears, according to the books of the Financial Secretary who will furnish him with a list. He shall be exempt from Lodge dues. No member shall be entitled to the service of the Lodge Physician who is over three months in arrears of dues.

Chemist.

21. A Chemist shall be engaged at the November meeting, whose duty it shall be to provide medicine as prescribed by the Lodge Physician. Such Chemist to receive the sum of 30 cents per annum for each member who shall not be over three months in arrears of dues, according to a list furnished by the Financial Secretary.

Burial Fund.

22. The Burial Fund shall be maintained by a special assessment of all members of 50 cents per annum, payable in July, such fund to be administered by the Worshipful Master, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. On the death of a member in good standing the next of kin shall receive the sum of $25.00.

Special Relief.

23. Special relief may be granted from the funds of the Lodge to a distressed member on a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, such sum to be governed by any motion which may be upon the

minutes relating to special sums over $10.00. The Worshipful Master, Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall administer relief funds granted by the Lodge.

Benefit Fund.

24. All members after admission shall be eligible to join the Benefit Fund on payment of $1.00 (it shall be optional with the member to join the Benefit Fund), such member must produce a Doctor's certificate of health, on form provided by the Lodge. All shall be balloted for and must not be over 50 years of age. All members, upon their admission into the Benefit Fund shall pay ten cents per month, and after a period of six months, when sick and unable to follow his employment, shall receive, upon receipt of a Doctor's certificate, the sum of $1.00 per week for a period of ten weeks and after twelve months, the sum of $2.00 per week for ten weeks, but no member shall be entitled to sick benefit who is more than three months in arrears. All members receiving Sick Benefits and owing three months dues shall

have same deducted from Sick Pay, always providing that such sickness is not caused by the use of spirituous liquors or by any immoral conduct on the part of the member. No member to receive Sick Pay for the first week's illness. A member who has received benefits for the full time shall not again receive benefits until he is able to resume and has followed his occupation for 12 months, unless by vote of the members of the Sick Benefit Fund. Only members of the Benefit Fund shall have a vote on fiinancial matters pertaining to the Benefit Fund. The Officers for the Sick Benefit Fund shall be elected by its members.

Amendments.

25. No amendments, additions, and alterations shall be made to these By-Laws unless one month's notice be given in writing at a regular meeting, and such addition, alteration, and amendment be agreed to by a majority of the members present at the next regular, or any subsequent meeting to which the consideration of the motion may be postponed.

Passed at the regular Lodge meeting held at Playter's Hall, Danforth Avenue, the thirteenth day of May, 1920.

A. H. NORTON, P.M., Chairman.
S. H. SMITH, W.M.
A. O. SMITH, I.P.M.
A. J. SMITH, P.M.
F. McEWEN, Rec. Sec.

Approved:

DONALD SHARPE,

Grand Master, Ontario W.

Fonthill, Ont., Feb. 28, 1921.